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RE: Application No. 10/662,686 - Art Unit 3654

Filed: 15 Sept 2003 - First Office Action 24 Jan 2005 - Response mailed 23 April 2005

Applicant: Brian Leonard Tafel

Examiner: Ms. Kathy Matecki

Date of Interview: 05 January 2006 - telephonic

## Substance of interview:

Examiner Matecki indicated that the USPTO was unable to locate my most recent response, which was mailed on 26 August 2005, and which was received by Mr. S. Dyar of the USPTO on August 29, 2005 as evidenced by the attached copy the Express Mail, as recorded on U.S. Postal Service website (Express Mail recordation EQ141868181US) This USPS information is also posted on the US Postal Service website.

Under these circumstances, there seems no other option than to resubmit my response. I expect this response to be handled exactly as the original would have been handled had it not been lost, and without any additional fee and with the same priority date considerations as the original. I believe it reasonable that special attention be given to informing the examiners working on similar applications in this Art Unit, of this application and the extraordinary protracted pendency of this patent, to allow prompt resolution of possible interferences occurring in the interim.

Please give this your prompt attention, and if of assistance, call me any time at 847 778 6631 (cell).

Brian Tafel

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